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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR MORATORIUM ON GARRISON DIVERSION

FOLLOWING EXCHANGE TOOK PLACE ON JUNE 15 IN HOUSE OF
COMMONS:

DAN MCKENZIE (WINNIPEG SOUTH CENTRE): "MR. SPEAKER, MY
QUESTION IS FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS. IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES YESTERDAY GAVE APPROVAL TO AN
APPROPRIATIONS BILL WHICH INCLUDED 18.6 MILLION DOLLARS
FOR THE GARRISON DIVERSION PROJECT, INCLUDING MONEY FOR
THE LONETREE RESERVOIR WHOSE WATERS WILL HAVE A SERIOUS
EFFECT ON MANITOBA, WILL THE GOVERNMENT URGE THE U.S.
GOVERNMENT TO PUT AN IMMEDIATE MORATORIUM ON THE GARRISON
DIVERSION PROJECT UNTIL THE REPORT OF THE IJC IS COMPLETE,
AND WILL THE GOVERNMENT RESPECTFULLY REQUEST PRESIDENT
CARTER TO VETO FUNDS FOR THE GARRISON PROJECT IN LIGHT OF
HIS SUPPORT FOR THE CANADIAN POSITION?"

HON. DONALD C. JAMIESON (SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS): "MR. SPEAKER, WE HAVE ALREADY MADE THE KIND OF
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REPRESENTATIONS THE HON. MEMBER IS NOW REQUESTING. THIS
HAS BEEN DONE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. OUR EMBASSY IN
WASHINGTON IS IN CONSTANT TOUCH WITH THIS AND RELATED
QUESTIONS. I AM NOT SURE THAT ANY NEW INSTRUCTION IS
NEEDED FOR THEM TO STATE THE CANADIAN POSITION, WHICH IS
QUITE UNEQUIVOCAL. IN SO FAR AS A REQUEST TO THE PRESI-
DENT WITH REGARD TO VETO, I DO NOT FEEL IN THE CIRCUM-

STANCES THAT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR US TO ADVISE THE HEAD OF ANOTHER GOVERNMENT IN THAT CONNECTION. HOWEVER, I CAN REPORT TO THE HOUSE THAT THE INFORMATION WE HAVE IS THAT IT IS PRESIDENT CARTER'S INTENTION TO IMPOSE SUCH A VETO, BUT THAT IS ON THE BASIS OF HIS OWN JUDGMENT RATHER THAN ANY RECENT REPRESENTATIONS FROM US."

MCKENZIE: "MR SPEAKER, THE UNITED STATES IS IGNORING OUR REQUESTS AS WELL AS THE FIRST REPORT OF THE IJC, PROCEEDING WITH MORE FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT WHICH WILL AFFECT MANITOBA WATERS. CAN THE MINISTER NOT MAKE SOME KIND OF REPRESENTATION WHICH WILL SHOW THAT THEY ARE ACTING IN VERY BAD FAITH BY ALLOTING MORE FUNDS AT THIS TIME? THEY KNOW THIS PROJECT WILL AFFECT MANITOBA WATERS."

JAMIESON: "MR. SPEAKER, I WOULD NOT WANT TO AGREE WITH THE HON. MEMBER THAT OUR REPRESENTATIONS ARE BEING IGNORED. THE HOUSE WILL RECALL THAT PRESIDENT CARTER UNEQUIVOCALLY WITHDREW THE ADMINISTRATION'S SUPPORT. AS IS OFTEN THE CASE IN THE UNITED STATES, CONGRESS HAS MOVED TO RESTORE CERTAIN OF THOSE EXPENDITURES, NOT ALL OF THEM. I REPEAT THAT THE PRESIDENT'S POSITION REMAINS WHAT IT WAS WHEN HE GAVE THE INFORMATION TO OUR PRIME MINISTER IN FEBRUARY. WHILE I WOULD BE VERY PLEASED TO REITERATE AND CALL TO THE ATTENTION OF THE UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION THE POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA, JUST AS WE IN THIS HOUSE MIGHT VERY WELL BE OFFENDED, I DO NOT THINK IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR US TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS."

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2. COMMENT: OPPOSITION OBVIOUSLY KEEPING AN EYE ON GARRISON PROJECT. IT WILL KEEP PRESSURE ON GOC TO PREVENT CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY, AT LEAST UNTIL IJC REPORT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED. ENDERS

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